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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE INFO BAMAKO FROM GENEVA ON AUG 22,  
RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE

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TAGS: SWEL, ML

SUBJ: IMMEDIATE RELIEF MALI NOMADS

REF: GENEVA 4396

1. MISSION RECEIVED FOR ITS INFO COPY OF AUGUST 21 LETTER QUOTED  
BELOW (WITH OMISSION UNNECESSARY WORDS) FROM  
ROBERT PIERPONT, LICROSS UNDER SECRETARY  
GENERAL, TO SAMUEL KRAKOW, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,  
ARC. ACCORDING PIERPONT, LETTER WRITTEN AS RESULT INFO  
FURNISHED AUG. 21 BY DR. GENTILS, FORMER LICROSS REP IN MALI  
WHO JUST ARRIVED GENEVA. WHILE MISSION UNABLE ASSESS CONTENTS  
LETTER, BELIEVE IT MERITS DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION IN VIEW  
LICROSS REPUTATION FOR RESPONSIBILITY.

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2. BEGIN QUOTE.

PRIOR RECEIPT YOUR 15 AUGUST LETTER CONCERNING DROUGHT IN MALI WE WERE CONTACTED BY MARTIN OF U.S. MISSION TO UN IN GENEVA ON SAME SUBJECT. AT THAT TIME WE POINTED OUT LEAGUE NO LONGER HAD RELIEF DELEGATE IN MALI AND OUR CONTACTS WITH THE MALI RED CROSS NOW HANDLED DIRECTLY FROM GENEVA OR THROUGH OUR DELEGATE IN UPPER VOLTA.

3. QUOTE. WE SHOULD LIKE POINT OUT MALI RED CROSS HAS ASSIGNED 12 NURSES TO THE TIMBUKTO AND GAO AREA, AND FURTHER MALI RED CROSS APPEARS BE ONLY ORGANIZATION MAKING ANY EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION TO DROUGHT STRICKEN POPULATION. IT IS INDEED REGRETABLE REPORTS REACHING US INDICATE THAT HIGH PERCENTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS CHANNELLED THROUGH UN SOURCES TO GOVERNMENT, AND CARRIED BY US AIRCRAFT ARE BEING SOLD AND NOT DISTRIBUTED. FOOD CONSIGNED TO RED CROSS IS, HOWEVER, REACHING AFFECTED PEOPLE.

4. QUOTE. IT IS OF LITTLE AVAIL TO GIVE MEDICAL CARE TO STARVING CHILDREN WHEN THEY NEED PROTEIN ENRICHED FOOD. OUR DELEGATES IN DROUGHT AREA STATE MISERY OF UNDERNOURISHMENT HERE FAR EXCEEDS ANYTHING SEEN IN BIAFRA. WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE US GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN REALLY ASSISTING IN MALI IT SHOULD CONSIDER AIRLIFTING FOOD SUPPLIES TO THE MALI RED CROSS AND WE TRUST YOU WILL USE WHATEVER INFLUENCE YOU CAN TO BRING THIS ABOUT. END QUOTE.

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UNQUOTE RUSH

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